

July 25, 2013

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Shelton was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Chief Beloit; Comm. Dieterle; Sherry Willis; Dave Edmondson – GTSTC Technologies; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carroll; Larry Williams; Ed Adams; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported he motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

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There was none.

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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

**Chairman Curtis** stated they had the dedication of Phase 3 today, it was very well attended and the view was fantastic.

Supt. Gray stated the lightning storm earlier in the week causes them some issues. They lost the telemetry at the Mulberry Tower, etc. but the issues have since been fixed. They are progressing on the new main on Mann Street. They experienced some backhoe issues due to the heat, but that work will continue next week.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Hoehn questioned the possible line extension north of town, in the Dunn Cemetery Road area, as discussed at a previous meeting ?

Board member Curtis stated he believed IDEM requested it and they are now looking into funding ?

Supt. Gray replied it was presented to the city as being 100% funded by SRF, but upon contacting SRF they indicated it would be a match in kind situation. He added they city has applied and they are waiting to hear.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Gray continued by stating there would need to be lots o preliminary engineering, but they are currently waiting on IDEM right now.

Board member Hoehn stated he has been contacted by folks about that possible expansion.

Board member Curtis added they are waiting on engineering right now.

Board member Hoehn asked if the city was contacted about this area due to bad quality of water ?

Board member Curtis replied yes. And at first, it was 100% funded, now it is a 50% match. Any work done on this will cost the city a substantial amount of money – they are waiting to see if the city can swing the first step.

Supt. Gray asked Board member Hoehn if he was being contacted about service north of this area ?

Board member Hoehn replied yes, even in the Upton Road area. He then asked what initially started this ?

Supt. Gray replied back in 2004 – 2005 Four Rivers Cooperative approached the city about expanding lines in the area due to salt in the wells. The USGS was called in and they found butane, methane, etc in the water – the water table was contaminated. IDEM remembered this and contacted the city.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Arthur Carroll approached and stated he live on Sauerkraut Lane and he would like to request city water service. He added he has the paperwork and feels it is complete to the best of his knowledge.

Supt. Gray replied there is a 2" main in the area, plenty of water available in the area of Sauerkraut and Upton Road.

Mayor Tucker recommended Supt. Gray get with Attorney Higgins on the paperwork.

Supt. Gray added once he pays the tap fees, it will be taken care of. He reminded the Board that due to Mr. Carroll living outside the city limits, the Utility Board has to give permission for the service.

Board member Curtis moved pending review of the paperwork, and the tap fees being paid, the tap be allowed. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Shelton – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business?

There was none.

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There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

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Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported he motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

**Street & Light Chairman Hoehn** stated he has no report.  
Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?  
There were none.

**Police & Dog Chairwoman Higgins** stated she has no report.  
Chief Beloit stated he has no report.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?  
There were none.

**Fire Chairwoman Shelton** was not present.  
Chief Dixon stated he has no report.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?  
There were none.

**Sewer Chairman Fuelling** stated he has no report.  
Supt. Givens stated he has no report.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?  
There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?  
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. The first item is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances , Title VII – Traffic Code, Chapter 74 – Traffic Schedules – Schedule I(B)-Multi-Stop Intersections; adding a 3-way STOP at Locust and Water Streets.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded b Councilman Fuelling.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Councilman Curtis stated he and Councilwoman Higgins were discussing this earlier.

Councilwoman Higgins stated they were thinking maybe more of a high-lighted pedestrian walkway using reflective markings might be better, as well as imposing fines if someone isn't watching/stopping for pedestrians and the handicapped. She stated her thought behind the stop sign is that people would stop and look forward before proceeding, but they may just speed back up again when they leave the intersection.

Councilman Curtis stated when he was out of town recently, the downtown area he was in has signs in the middle of the street indicating STOP For Pedestrians In Crosswalk. There is also a fine for not stopping. He added he knows for the city, in the area they are talking about, there isn't a lot of traffic. He stated this route may be a good first step, then maybe they can reconsider the STOP sign if this doesn't work.

Councilwoman Higgins stated they had talked about both signage and a STOP sign. She added she sees Councilman Curtis' point. She asked Councilman Hoehn his feelings ?

Councilman Hoehn stated he was just in St. Augustine and they also have these signs in the middle of the street and they are very effective. Folks stop way ahead of the sign in fact. He stated he does not know if there is enough pedestrian traffic at Locust Street, but definitely at Walnut Street, especially during events. He added Water and Walnut would be a good spot, but again, he does not feel there is enough traffic there to warrant a 3-way STOP sign.

Councilman Curtis asked about an ordinance to put up a pedestrian walk sign.

Councilman Hoehn replied he thought it could be done by resolution.

Councilman Curtis added it involves a fine, which he thinks would cause it to have to be established by ordinance. There also needs to be a substantial penalty involved as well as educating the people.

Councilman Hoehn suggested having people down there during the day possibly to hand out information about the signage. He then stated he feels they need to vote down this ordinance to keep it clean, and proceed from there.

Councilwoman Higgins questioned Chief Beloit's feelings ?

Chief Beloit replied it is whatever the Council wishes to do. He was good with the 3-way STOP, but they can try this, he would be fine with that too. He then stated it is really an Attorney Higgins issue on the fine, as they can vary county to county.

Councilman Fuelling stated he likes the idea of those signs, it is progressive and protects the pedestrians. He added they can try this down there and maybe expand it to Harriet Street in the School Zones.

Councilman Hoehn added that is a good idea.

Councilman Fuelling stated it is a new way of protecting people and he would like to try it. If they end up needing a STOP sign, he feels Mulberry and Water is a better location, but again, he would rather see this first. He added he likes this idea.

Councilman Curtis stated Attorney Higgins has already prepared this ordinance, and if they table this, when would they UNtable it ? He says they should vote this down.

Councilwoman Higgins stated they will need to educate people to stop, since there is nothing there right now.

Mayor Tucker then requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Shelton – absent; Fuelling – no; Hoehn – no;  
Curtis – no; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion did not carry.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, Determining , After Investigation, That A New Police And Fire Station Is Needed, Approving Of The Formation Of A Nonprofit Building Corporation, Authorizing The Circulation Of A Petition To Be Signed By Taxpayers Of The City And Establishing Its Intent to Reimburse Certain Preliminary Costs From The Proceeds Of Bonds.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Resolution be approved. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Shelton – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated he motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied it will be numbered 13-17.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated under Old Business, is an update on the drug policy. He added Mrs. Willis and Attorney Higgins have been working on this.

Mrs. Willis stated ITI sent a sample ordinance but she had some questions on it and would like to add a few new items. Once it is done, she will meet with Attorney Higgins and then a draft will be prepared for the Council to review.

Councilman Hoehn questioned if this will cover CDL and non CDL ?

Mrs. Willis replied yes, two different ones.

Mayor Tucker stated they also have an update on the new phone system for City Hall.

Dave Edmonson stated he believes he has met with most of them before so if they have any questions for him he would be glad to answer them.

Councilman Curtis asked about other departments - if they would decide they want on the system. Is the system strictly for here ? And what about intercom capabilities?

Mr. Edmonson replied there are no intercom capability included in the quote – they can transfer calls.

The reason is due to the city's dial ton provider. They also would charge \$100 per node for intercom capabilities, which would dramatically add to their bill.

Councilman Curtis asked if they could add that at a later point ?

Mr. Edmonson replied they would need a network license that allows that, but again, due to the monthly fees, that is not really feasible.

Councilman Fuelling stated they really need to get the system going. Water and Sewer have phones right now that are working, but wondered about upgrading them later on. He then added he likes the system.

Councilwoman Higgins stated the current system is located in the City Hall, which will be torn down when police and fire get their new building.

Mr. Edmonson stated he also did a demonstration for Chief Beloit on the software that he wanted. As for water and sewer, they could utilize a voice over IP, which is communicating over the internet. This system has that capability.

Councilman Curtis stated he feels comfortable with the system, it needs to get in here as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Higgins asked if they should proceed until after the new station is built, would it be cheaper ?

Councilman Curtis replied it is a “plug and play” system.

Councilwoman Higgins asked about any extra charges when they move.

Mr. Edmonson replied there will be an hourly charge to unplug and plug back in at the new location that is it.

Councilman Curtis asked the cost of the system ?

Mayor Tucker replied \$26,284.73 for City Hall and City Hall Annex.

Councilman Curtis moved they go forward with the new system for both locations. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Councilman Hoehn asked what line in what budget this would come from ?

Mayor Tucker replied that is a good question. Probably from COIT or EDIT with an additional appropriation. But first, he added, he will check budgets now to see if they can possibly avoid that.

Councilman Curtis asked if there is adequate money to fund this in EDIT ?

Mayor Tucker stated in the EDIT fund yes, but not the EDIT BUDGET.

Councilman Curtis stated but they would not be taking away from police, or fire, or street, etc. to pay for this.

Mayor Tucker replied that is correct. He then asked if there was any further discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.

Mayor Tucker questioned any other Old Business ?

Councilman Curtis mentioned the trash study. He added Attorney Higgins is not present but they need to figure out what they are going to do on the trash collections, trucks, etc. He then asked if Street Chairman Hoehn would contact Umbaugh to check on the status of that study.

Councilman Hoehn replied sure and added they should have had that information in quite awhile ago.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilwoman Shelton** was not present.

**2nd District Councilman Fuelling** stated he has no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis** stated he has no report.

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated tomorrow and Friday are the first fundraisers for Christmas on Main Street. Tomorrow is a Rib Fest at IGA and Saturday is hot dogs, etc at IGA from 11-1. She added she hopes to see many friendly faces supporting this great community event.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.  
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